

## FIRE DEPARTMENT WEAKNESS ROUSES DISTRICT OFFICERS

## Failure to Get Army and Navy Equipment Responsible.

**Rep. O'Brien, of the District  
Body, Plans to Seek Action  
In Near Future.**

Delay in securing additional fire fighting equipment used by the army, navy and the Shipping Board during the war, which it was hoped would be available to relieve the shortage of apparatus in Washington, has impressed the officials with the city's fire Congress with the seriousness of the situation.

According to Fire Chief George M. Watson, figures compiled in 1925 show the local department to stand "fifth in most of the important statistics of the cities of the United States."

**Congressman Busy.**

Determined to do all in his power to give Washington a fire and police department second to none in the country, Congressman Bessy,

The United States Representative Francis X. O'Brien, of New Jersey, of the House District Committee, expressed the intention yesterday of taking the time of the day for the consideration, as soon as the railway merger bills now occupying the time of the committee have been disposed of.

Representative O'Brien has been associated with the fire and police departments of New Jersey for 20 years. As director of the Jersey City Department of Public Safety for five years he has had the honor to be fifth place among the cities of the United States in fire-fighting contests. This position was determined as a result of a survey

The delivery of nine pieces of motor apparatus is being held pending the report of the general supply committee of the United States to Purchasing Officer Hargrove. The apparatus desired by the War Department stock and must be declared surplus before it will be accessible. Hargrove pointed out the following companies are still

without motor apparatus, and if the additional equipment could be secured three of the engine companies could be outfitted. That would leave but two horse-drawn vehicles," it was explained, and these could be used in the outlying sections of the city.

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## Burglar's Visit Nets Owner Few Bottles of Wine

John Gibson, 82 M street north west, profited by an attempt to rob his house by an unidentified negro who left behind a bag containing

several bottles of wine when scarcely a half-dozen minutes had elapsed. The negro entered through the front window. He had ransacked the house and gathered together a pile of valuable loot when he was detected by Gibson. Finding him with the loot, the bag containing the wine, which he had brought into the house with him.

## Automobile

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